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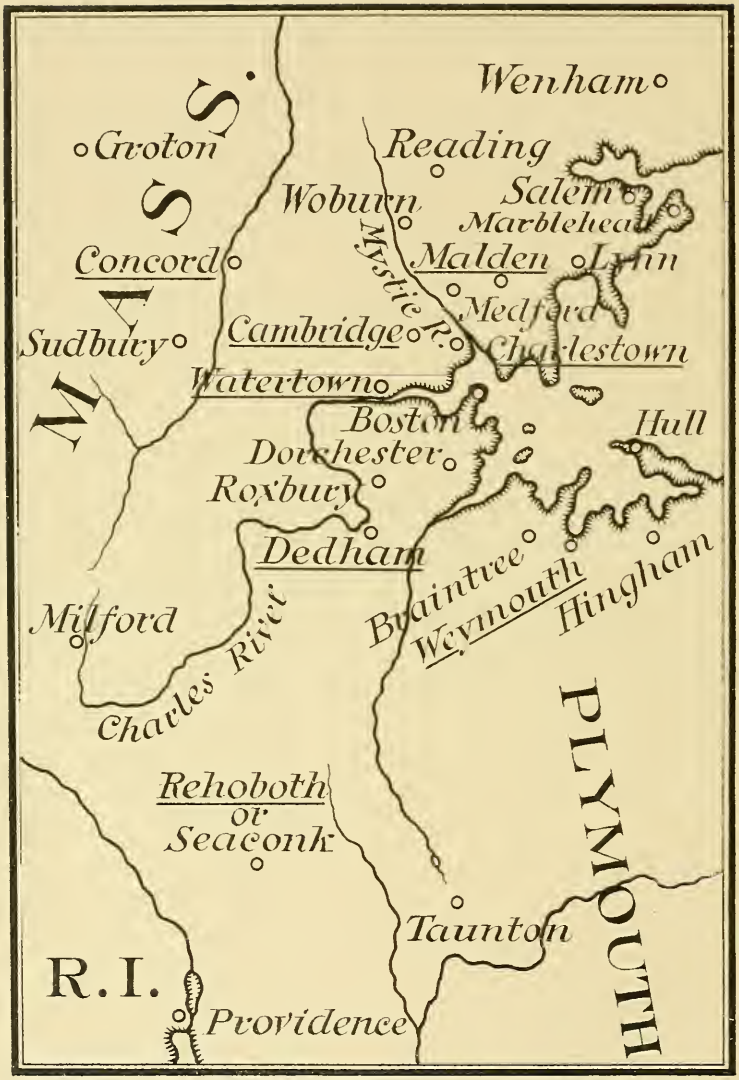

A Map of 1650 (adapted from one in J.A. Doyle's *Puritan Colonies*) Showing Relative Positions of the Various Towns Named in this History.

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To

My Father,

Sidney Shepard, Esquire,

A LINEAL DESCENDANT OF

Ralph Shepard

IN THE SIXTH GENERATION,

I LOVINGLY INSCRIBE

THIS BOOK.

PREFACE.

THE two hundredth anniversary of Ralph Shepard's death seems a fitting time in which to issue this book, as a tribute to his memory.

Owing to the lack of material from which to draw, it has been impossible to make his history complete. A bundle of old family letters or his diary (provided he had ever kept one), would be invaluable, but, without them, we must rely exclusively upon the ancient records. With our stock of information so limited, we cannot penetrate into the privacy of his home nor gain more than a slight insight into his character, but are obliged to content ourselves with the principal events of his life. It has been my aim, however, to examine thoroughly all sources of information at command, and, so far as possible, to make this work exhaustive.

Several gentlemen have kindly assisted me, to whom I offer here my sincere thanks. I am especially indebted to Judge Henry M. Shepard of the Appellate Court of Illinois, to Mr. Don Gleason Hill, President of the Dedham Historical Society, and to Mr. E. N. Sheppard of New York.

As all my readers may not be familiar with the exact method of reckoning time employed in the seventeenth century, an explanation will not be out

of place. It should be understood, then, that the dates in sixteen hundred do not correspond with those of to-day. To make the present or new style agree with the Julian or old style calendar, it is necessary to add ten days to all dates given in this book. Before the adoption of the Gregorian calendar the year used to begin in England on March twenty-fifth. In seventeen hundred and fifty-two Parliament enacted that the year thereafter should begin with January first, but the change had actually been made before. To avoid confusion, the practice of double dating was adopted. Both years (as will be seen by consulting the text) were given to all dates between January first and March twenty-fifth.[1]

Another matter should be noted. At the time in which Ralph Shepard lived, in addition to a great lack of uniformity in spelling, words were constantly abbreviated. In all extracts in this work the ancient spelling has been preserved as far as possible. Some of the signs, however, should be explained:

An apostrophe ['] is made to take the place of a peculiar stroke of the pen which signified an abbreviation, impossible to reproduce in type.

A bracketed space [ ] indicates words illegible; and words within brackets are doubtful.

c̄. stands for c. with a flourish over it.

m̄. stands for m. also with a flourish over it.

ꝑ. stands for par, per, por: e. g. ꝑson–person.

ꝓ. stands for pro: e. g. ꝓporc̄on–proportion.

[1] Introduction to *Dedham Records, Births, Marriages and Deaths*, by Don Gleason Hill, pp. iii. and iv.

But few words need be added in closing this introduction to the history of Ralph Shepard. It has been written for his descendants. Should they derive any satisfaction from its perusal, it would be an additional gratification to the author, to whom the work has been a genuine pleasure.

RALPH HAMILTON SHEPARD.

La Bergerie, NEW HAVEN, N. Y.
November 16, 1893.

"What reason first imposed thee, gentle name,
Name that my father bore, and his sire's sire,
Without reproach? * * * * * * * *
What'er the fount whence thy beginnings came,
No deed of" ours "shall shame thee, gentle name."

Charles Lamb.

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IN ENGLAND.

With the exception of two or three facts, we know little about Ralph Shepard before his departure for America. He was born in 1603, and presumably passed his early days in England, plying his trade.

He was a tailor,[1] and probably an officer in the Drapers' Guild.[2] It has been said that it takes nine tailors to make a man, but the slur is unjust. The first Lord Mayor of London was a draper[3] and membership in a guild in the seventeenth century was an honor. At that time the trades held a vastly different relation to the social life of England[3] than they do at present, for citizenship of London was acquired after the time of Edward II. chiefly through the crafts.[4] We may infer, then, from Ralph's being a member of the Drapers' Guild that he was also a citizen of London.

He must have been influenced by those troublous times in the reigns of James I. and Charles I., when the people were struggling for political and religious liberty; for it was on the twenty-fourth of April, 1634, when Archbishop Laud was persecuting the nonconformists, that Ralph was summoned before the Court of High Commissions.[5] This was "An eccle-

[1] *State Papers, Domestic Series* (MS).—Vol. 261, index.

[2] *William Middleton's Will, Somerset House Papers*, London, Eng.

[3] *A Genealogy of the Glassell Family.*— Rev. H. E. Hayden, Wilkes Barre, Penn., 1891.—p. xvi.

[4] *The Gild Merchant.*—Chas. Gross, Oxford; Clarendon Press, 1890. —Vol. I., p. 124, note 2.

[5] *State Papers*, &c., as above.--Vol. 261, fols. 11 and 20d.

siastical court of very extensive jurisdiction, for the vindication of the peace and dignity of the church, by reforming, ordering, and correcting the ecclesiastical state and persons, and all manner of errors, heresies, schisms, abuses, offences, contempts, and enormities."[1] The sentence pronounced against "Ralph Shepard of Limehouse, Midd^{x},"[2] as he is called, is not given, but it is most probable that he left England on account of the sentence of the Court.

At any rate, we know that a little more than a year later, he sailed for America. The last day of June, 1635, accompanied by his wife, Thanks, and daughter Sara, he went aboard the *Abigall.* She was bound for New England in charge of Robert Hackwell, master.[3] Ralph's wife, according to the entry, was twenty-three, his daughter two, and he himself twenty-nine. His age at any rate is not correct, for we find by his tombstone and the Charlestown records that at this time he must have been thirty-two. He was furnished, we learn further, with a certificate from the minister of Stepney parish.[3]

According to well authenticated family tradition the Shepards came from Stepney, near London. Limehouse was then a hamlet in Stepney parish—St.-Dunstan's-in-the-East. It was from the minister of this parish that Ralph obtained his certificate. In 1730 Limehouse became the separate parish of

[1] *Law Dictionary.*—John Bouvier, Phila., 1868; 12 edition.—Vol. I., p. 666.

[2] *State Papers,* etc., as above.

[3] *The New England Historical & Genealogical Register.*—Vol. XIV., p. 318.

St. Anne-Limehouse,[1] now a part of London, and this district at present, densely populated, adjoins the East End.[2]

AT DEDHAM.

Turning now to his history in America, the first mention that we find of Ralph Shepard is in the town records of Dedham. A company of people left Watertown to settle Dedham,[3] and it is said that he was in the former place. Savage says: "First sat down prob. at Watertown, but by Farmer is call. of Weymouth."[4] He was not at Weymouth till later. The Watertown records show nothing, but, as the early Dedham town meetings were held in Watertown,[5] he was probably in the latter place for a time at least.

The first record that we have regarding Dedham is a petition for a tract of land signed by twelve persons.[6] Their names are not given, but one of them

[1] *The Environs of London*, London; T. Cadell and W. Davis, 1811; Vol. II., Part II., Second Edition, p. 537.

[2] There is no trace on the Church Records at Stepney, of Ralph or any other Shepard who came over about that time, though the name occurs.—From personal search made by E. N. Sheppard.

[3] *History of Norfolk County, Mass.*, compiled by D. H. Hurd; article by Erastus Worthington, p. 31.

[4] *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, etc.*—James Savage; Vol. IV., p. 75.

[5] See *Appendix A.,—Part One.* Note 1, p. 25.

[6] *History of Dedham.*—Erastus Worthington, Boston; Dutton & Wentworth, Printers, 1827; p. 9. Also Worthington in *History of Norfolk Co.*, p. 31.

may have been that of Ralph. Following this, Sept. 3, 1635, the Great and General Court ordered the settlement of a plantation about two miles above the Charles River. A society was formed, and the first recorded meeting (attended by Ralph) was held August 18, 1636.[1]

September 5, 1636, at the third recorded town meeting, Ralph Shepard and the others assembled petitioned for a confirmation of the old grant and for an additional tract of land. They asked, also, to have their town called "Contentment or otherwise what you please." Three days later the General Court granted the petition, naming the town Dedham.[2] This was the act of incorporation.[3]

Some time before this (though we have not the exact date) the covenant must have been drawn up, for the petition was "Subscribed by all that haue vnder written in Coven^t^."[4] It is an important document, for it shows what sort of stuff these men were made of, and interesting to us because signed by Ralph. It runs as follows: —

THE COVENANT

1 We whose names ar here vnto subscribed. doe. in the feare and Reuerence of our Allmightie God, Mutually: and seuerally ꝑmise amongst our selues and each to other to ꝑffesse and practice one trueth according to that most ꝑfect rule. the foundacion where of is Euerlasting Loue:

[1] *Mass. Col. Rec.*, Vol. I., p. 156, cited in *Dedham Town Records*; edited by Don Gleason Hill, Dedham, Mass., 1892; Vol. III., p. v.

[2] *Dedham Town Records*, as above, pp. v., xvii., and 22.

[3] Worthington in *History of Norfolk Co.*, p. 31.

[4] *Dedham Town Records*, p. v.

2 That we shall by all meanes Laboure to keepe of from vs all such. as ar contrarye minded. And receaue onely such vnto vs as be such as may be pbably of one harte, with vs as that we either knowe or may well and truely be informed to walke in a peaceable conuersation with all meekenes of spirit for the edification of each other in the knowledg and faith of the Lord Jesus: And the mutuall encouragm^t vnto all Temporall comforts in all things: seekeing the good of each other out of all which may be deriued true Peace

3. That if at any time difference shall arise betwene pties of our said Towne. that then such ptie and pties shall p^rsently Referre all such difference. vnto som one. 2 or. 3 others of our said societie to be fully accorded and determined. without any further delaye. if it possibly may bee:

4 That euery man that now. or at any time heereafter shall haue Lotts in our said Towne shall paye his share in all such Rates of money. and charges as shall be imposed vpon him Rateably in pportion with other men As allso become freely subiect vnto all such orders and constitutions as shall be necessariely had or made now or at any time heere after from this daye fore warde. as well for Loveing and comfortable societie in our said Towne as allso for the psperous and thriueing Condicion of our said Fellowshipe especially respecting the feare of God in which we desire to begine and continue. what so euer we shall by his Loveing fauoure take in hand

5 And for the better manefestation of our true resolution heere in. euery man so receaued: to subscribe heere vnto his name. there by obligeing both himself and his successors after him for euer. as we haue done[1]

Then follows a long list of names of which the eighth is "Ralph: Shepheard."

The people who settled Dedham, we may infer from the Covenant, were Puritans, full of purpose and resolution. They feared and reverenced Almighty God, desired to live together peaceably and

[1] *Dedham Town Records*, as above, pp. 2 and 3.

wished to "keepe of[f]" all who differed from them in faith. As they did not want to break away from old English customs, were ready and willing to pay taxes and wished to be subject to the law, they must have been stanch Englishmen. Ralph Shepard, then, we conclude, was a Puritan, fond of his mother country, energetic and enterprising.

He certainly seems to have done his part in the town work. Of the twenty-six recorded town meetings held before there were selectmen, he attended twenty-one.[1] As will be seen by the appendix,[2] Ralph and others agreed to take four instead of two acres of swamp. One man refused this extra burden. Again it is to be observed that he may have made some sort of sacrifice for the benefit of the town, as there is mention of his receiving a lot as a gratification—that is a compensation.[3] Then in January, 1638, he undertook to do the "Crosse Cutting every 2: foote over to be alowed sixe pence & soe eu^r^y scantling after y^t^ Rate." This was for the meeting house.[4] Until we come to the land transactions, the above references (except for a few others appended in a note[5]) constitute all that we find regarding Ralph in the Dedham records.

[1] *Id.* pp. 20–53 incl. See *Appendix A — Part One* for illustration of the Dedham town meetings.

[2] *Supra*, last town meeting.

[3] See *Appendix A—Part Two.*

[4] *Dedham Town Records* as above, p. 39.

[5] "And in case y^t^ any man shall fayle in paym^t^ * * * * [he] shall forfet his depasturing of Cowes aforesayd for ever. Except Raffe Shepheard for twoe lotts [and others] being absent: Which are vndertaken for by Ezechiell Holliman & Phileman Dolton nowe p^r^sent"—In town meeting, Jan. 28, 1636–7, last reference p. 27.

"Set out by Abraham Shawe & Samuell Morse pcell of ye wood amongst

Before proceeding further, let us inquire how the owner came into possession of his land. "In New England," we are told, "the soil was granted by the government of the colony, not to an individual, but to a corporation. It was from the corporation that each occupant derived his rights. * * * * The New England township was a land holder, using its position for the corporate good, and watching jealously over the origin and extension of individual rights. * * * * Part of the land was granted in lots, part was left in joint pasture, part was to be tilled in common. Though this was cultivated on a uniform system, yet apparently it was cut up into strips which were allotted, not in annual rotation, but in permanence, to the different holders."[1]

Ralph appears to have had a good deal of land granted to him by Dedham. In all we find nine such tracts recorded, and a few sales of land made by him.[2] The first and most important grant was twelve acres of meadow on the high street.[3] This was his home lot. On July 6th, 1638, the town voted that the minister, Mr. John Allin, might purchase part of it, so that he could be nearer the meeting house.[4] At the next town meeting, it was voted that Ralph Shepard

the Rocks vnto Edward Allen &c * * * * Done in the p'sents of Raffe Shepheard & many others &c"—In town meeting, Feb. 21, 1636–7 *Id.*, p. 28.

The other references, which consist of mentioning Ralph's land just as a boundary, are omitted.

[1] *The Puritan Colonies.*—J. A. Doyle: New York: Henry Holt & Co.: Vol. II., p. 13.

[2] For Ralph Shepard's land transactions see *Appendix A.—Part Two.*

[3] *Appendix A.—Part Two*, Nos. I. and II.

[4] *Id.* No. VII.

should have a share of a certain piece of land and "ye over plus towards satisfaction of y^t he p'ted wth at home."[1] On the 21st of August, 1639, he sold half of the same lot to Mr. Allin,[2] and this piece, as appears by a later record, was on the "south side of the high streete"[3]. In 1642 he received land from the town to be added to his house lot, and in 1650 he obtained his last Dedham grant.

WEYMOUTH AND REHOBOTH.

But prior even to 1642 he must have removed to Weymouth, for his son Isaac was born there on the twentieth of June, 1639, and his daughter Trial, on the nineteenth of December, 1641.[4]

He owned land there, but the records of the town were not kept fully till 1643,[5] so that it is mentioned only as a boundary.[6] The description of the land where it is thus mentioned must have been compiled

[1] *Id.* No. VIII.

[2] *Id.* No. IX.

[3] "Twenty acres * * * * [is granted Mr. Allin] in Exchange for Five acres more or lesse once pcell of Raffe Shepherds lott as it lyeth wth in ye Towne vpon ye south side of the high streete." In town meeting, Oct. 27, 1640. *Dedham Town Records*, as before, p. 72.

[4] *Classified Record of Weymouth: Births to* 1843 & 4. (MS.): Copied in 1879 by Gilbert Nash: p. 200. Also *N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg.*, Vol. VIII., p. 349 and Vol. IX., p. 172.

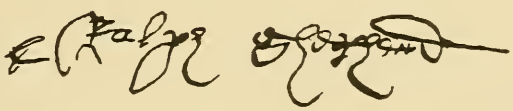
[5] *Historical Sketches of the Town of Weymouth.*—Compiled by Gilbert Nash: 1885: p. 29.

[6] *Id.* pp. 255 & 257.

not earlier than October 26, 1642 to May 21, 1644.[1] The birth of his children would lead one to presume, however, that he possessed land in Weymouth before either of these dates.

According to Savage "He was of Rehoboth perhaps in 1644,"[2] but it seems more probable that he never lived there. July 3, 1643 Ralph Shepard with twenty-nine others ("Being, by the providence of God, inhabitants of Seacunk, intending there to settle") signed a compact instituting a government of nine men.[3] From a comparison of dates and from other circumstances, Mr. Newman in his book *Rehoboth in the Past* supposes that the compact was "made at Weymouth, before the general migration, which most probably did not take place till the spring of 1644, O. S."[3]

This compact should be of peculiar interest to descendants of Ralph Shepard, for it bears his autograph signature — the only one known to be in existence. Below is a reproduction of the original, made from an accurate tracing:—



It will be noticed that the writing is old script. The spelling is plainly Ralph Shepherd.

Though we have no other of Ralph's autographs,

[1] *Id.* p. 254.
[2] See last reference to Savage, *supra*, p. 3.
[3] *Rehoboth in the Past.*—S. C. Newman: Pawtucket: 1860: p. 50.

it is more than likely that he did not always spell his name in this way. In those days people were not so accurate, and the same name was spelled in many ways. As will be seen further on[1], Ralph's wife spells the name Shepp'd.

Leonard Bliss, Jr., in his *History of Rehoboth*, gives as the date of this compact the third of July, 1644.[2] The town records in their present condition throw no light upon the subject, but, in the discrepancy of dates between Newman and Bliss (1643 and 1644), it is well to know that the Nine Men (whose government was instituted in the compact just mentioned) were chosen June 9th, 1845[3] — five days after the incorporation[4] of the town.

Now the first division of land was granted by the Court of Plymouth to the "inhabitants of Seaconk alias Rehoboth," "about the year 1643[5]." This was according to "person and estate," and the valuation of the tract of "Ralph Shephard, now James Redewaye's" is £121, 10s[5]. Following this, his name is among those who "Forfeited their lots for not fencing, or not removing their families [that is to Rehoboth] according to a former order, made the 24th of the 8th month, 1643."[6] This clearly indicates that Ralph was not at Rehoboth at this time. But he received a share of woodland, June 31, 1644.[7] Again,

[1] See p. 14.

[2] *History of Rehoboth.*— Leonard Bliss, Jr.: Boston: Otis, Broaders & Co.: 1836: p. 27.

[3] *Rehoboth Town Records* (MS.): Vol. I., fol. 10.

[4] *Manual of the General Court of Mass.*

[5] Bliss (quoting town records) p. 25.

[6] *Id.* pp. 29 & 30.

[7] *Id.* p. 27.

June 9th, 1645, he was granted a lot on the great plain.[1] Our last reference, which appears to be a summary of his land, is found on the records undated. I quote it entire, as it cannot be found elsewhere in print: —

"The Land of Ralph Shepherd his home lot [eight] acres twelve acres three qtrs. and 25 rods in the wood land plaine being 54th lot an acre 30 Rods of fresh mead — lying in the [Rose] meadow three acres three qtrs. of salt marsh."[2]

After this entry there is quite a space before the next, as if to record other lands not granted Ralph at all. This and the other facts previously cited seem to indicate that, though he may possibly have been to Rehoboth, he never settled there.

Reverting now to Weymouth, we find that "Ralph Shepherd & Nicholas Byram" were appointed "viewers" of fences, the 9th of February, 1645–6, "for the lower plantation."[3] There is but one more reference to him (dated the 5th of December, 1659) in the Weymouth records. It is as follows: —

"Voted Also that Mr. Thatcher shall have granted him that small parcell of land lying within his fence neere the place where Goodman Shepheards house stod."[4]

This entry shows that Ralph (for it must have been he, as there is mention of no other Shepard on the Weymouth land grants) had a house at Weymouth and that he had moved away.

[1] *Id.* p. 34.

[2] *Rehoboth Town Records* (MS.): Vol. I., fol. 28.

[3] *Weymouth Town Records* (MS.): Vol. I.: Copied by Richard Blanchard: 1856: p. 41.

[4] *Id.* p. 79.

AT MALDEN.

Ralph Shepard was certainly at Malden during this decade. He was not one of the incorporators in 1649, but was concerned in the ordination of Mr. Matthews[1] in 1650[2], as appears from a petition presented to the Court May 16, 1655[3]. In this petition Ralph Shepard and seven others " Humbly acknowleg the offenc they gave the Court & seuerall churches about the ordjnation of Mr. Mathews, &c. and * * * * the Court doth well approove and accept of the peticoners acknowlegments of theire irregular actings in those times "[4].

The above quotation is important as it shows that Ralph was a ruling elder in the church at Malden, for, at that time, the duty of the ruling elder was to ordain the officers of the church[5] " Letchford in his ' Plaine Dealing ', written in 1641, says: ' Some churches have no ruling elders, some but one, some but one teaching elder; some have two ruling and two teach-

[1] In reference to the controversy regarding Marmaduke Matthews see : *The History of Charlestown, Mass.*, No. 3.— Richard Frothingham, Jr.: Boston : Chas. C. Little & Jas. Brown: 1846. Also *Bi-Centennial Book of Malden*: Boston: Geo. C. Rand & Co.: 1850.

[2] For date of ordination, Frothingham, p. 121.

[3] *Id.* p. 128.

[4] *Records of the Colony of Mass. Bay in N. Eng.* Vol. IV., p. 236.

[5] *The Congregational Quarterly*: Boston : 1872 : New Series, Vol. IV., p. 406: I. N. Tarbox quoting H. M. Dexter.

ing elders' "[1]. Though Ralph was associated with seven others in ordaining Marmaduke Matthews, we are not to infer from this that he was not an elder, since it was then customary for the churches occasionally to unite at an ordination and for several elders to participate[2]. He held a high position and must have exercised considerable influence and been prominent in the affairs of the church. In fact, this was the case, for he had much to do with the dispute which arose in regard to Marmaduke Matthews.

The controversy occasioned a great deal of ill feeling and the General Court instituted proceedings against the minister and Church at Malden. On the seventh of May 1651, Mr. Matthews was summoned to Court for preaching heretical doctrines, but "As he did not give sattisfaction by an humble acknowleging of his Sinne &c.," on May 21, he was fined ten pounds.[3]

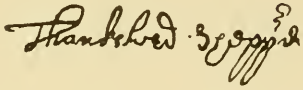
On the twenty-fourth of October 1651, the church of Malden was represented at Court by its leading men, but their defence was not accepted and they were fined fifty pounds.[4]

Four days later comes "The Petition of many inhabitants of Maldon & Charlstowne Mestickside," signed, in behalf of Mr. Matthews, by thirty-six women.[5]

Like the Rehoboth compact, it should be especially interesting to us, as it bears the signature of

[1] *Id.* p. 408.
[2] *Survey, etc.* Thomas Hooker: Part II., p. 69.
[3] *Colonial Records*, as above, p. 31.
[4] *Id.* p. 32.
[5] *Id.* p. 79.

Ralph's wife, Thanklord Shepard, spelled, as may be seen below, Thanklord Shepp'd:—[1]



The petition is of further value to us in showing the Christian spirit of the Shepards, for it is probable that Ralph and Thanks acted in accord. It runs in part as follows: —

"The Almighty God in great mercie to our souls as we trust, hath, after, many prayers, endeavors, and long waiting, brought Mr. Matthews among us, and put him into the work of the ministry: By whose pious life and labors the Lord hath afforded us many saving convictions, directions, and consolations, whose continuance in the service of Christ if it were the good pleasure of God, we much desire."[2]

As among other things Mr. Matthews held the "Scriptures to be the foundation of a dogmatical and historical faith, but not of a saving faith,"[3] we see from this last mentioned petition and the others that the Shepards had a spirit of independence. It is not necessary to infer that they agreed in every particular with their minister, but they certainly must have been tolerant.

October twenty-sixth, 1652, in answer to a petition of the church at Malden, after Mr. Matthews had confessed his error, his fine and ten pounds of that of the

[1] Note that Frothingham (p. 126), who spells the name "Thanklord Sheppie" does not in this instance follow the *Colonial Records*.

[2] Frothingham p. 126.

[3] *Id.* p. 126, quoting *Mass. Hist. Col.* Vol. XXXI., p. 31.

others were remitted.[1] Four of the petitioners' names have plainly been cut from the original document, and it may be that among those lost was that of Ralph Shepard.[2] Again, May 16, 1655, Ralph with six others prayed for a release from the remainder of their fine of thirteen pounds six shillings.[3]

As this is the last of the Matthews controversy, we will inquire what had happened in the meantime. On February tenth, 1650-1 Ralph was blessed with the birth of a daughter, whom he named Thanks, and some time in June, 1653, with a son, whom he called Jacob.[4]

About two months after this daughter's birth we find by the *Court Records* that he took the oath of Freeman[5] to insure himself greater privileges, as may be seen by the following: —

"The freemen of the colony were the body of electors, those entitled under the terms of the charter, and the colonial laws made in pursuance thereof, to vote in charter elections and to hold charter offices. They were a minority only, and a small minority, of the members of the congregations or the inhabitants of the towns."[6]

There is little more of importance before we come

[1] *Colonial Records* (MS.) Vol. IV., p. 107.

[2] *Id.*, Vol. I., p. 78.

[3] *Records of the Colony of Mass. Bay in N. Eng.*: Vol. IV., p. 236.

[4] *Records of the County of Middlesex, Births, Marriages & Deaths* (MS.): Transcribed by David Pulsifer: Vol. I., p. 94: Also *N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg.*, Vol. X., p. 233.

[5] See *Appendix B*, p. 34. *The Genesis of the Massachusetts Town*, etc.—Chas. Francis Adams *et al.*: Cambridge: John Wilson & Son: University Press: 1892: p. 35.

[6] Adams, as above, p. 34.

to the deeds,[1] but if we turn to the *Court Records* again, we find that in 1661 Ralph administered an estate, later in the same year had something to do with straightening the highway and in two instances paid his son's fines.[2]

A few days after Goodman Shepard and his three associates were "p^r^sented for straitening the highway," December twenty-ninth, an entry occurs in the *Charlestown Records*, showing that Ralph unlawfully "Cutt timber * * * * of [f] Cha'tow' Comon."[3] Others were fined for doing the same thing, but he was passed by. Ralph no doubt supposed he had a right to the wood. When Malden was set off in 1649, Charlestown kept a large tract of land across the river adjacent to Malden.[4] The common from which Ralph cut the timber must have been on the Malden bank of the river, opposite Charlestown proper, in what was called Charlestown-Mystic-side. This easily explains Ralph's mistake.

Turning now to the deeds,[5] we find that on the nineteenth of March, 1651 "Ralph Shepheard of Maldon * * * * Taylor" bought land of Dr. Richard Palsgrave (the first physician of Charlestown) who like himself was from Stepney.[6]

There are three other documents in which Ralph Shepard is called "Ralph Shepard of Maulden." In

[1] It might be well to mention here that, January 23, 1654–5, we find Ralph's name signed to a petition relating to a mill on the North River. *Charlestown Town Records* (MS.): copy of Vol. II., p. 181.

[2] See *Appendix B*, p. 34.

[3] *Charlestown Town Records* (MS.): Vol. III., p. 35.

[4] Frothingham, as above, p. 151.

[5] See *Appendix C*, I., p. 35.

[6] Frothingham p. 78.

the first one he "layeth claime to a p'cell of land ly'ng in Maulden conteyneing ab^t sixty rods ly'ng trianglewise." The land formerly belonged to Jno. Lewis deceased. The date is 1661, but as it says "Demand as above said was long since made."[1]

The next document referred to throws more light upon Ralph Shepard. The date is February, 1663. It is a deed from him to Abraham Hill. The amount of land is not specified, but the rate per acre is three pounds and ten shillings.[2]

In this deed and in the deed from Richard Palsgrave referred to above, as well as in a deed from him when he was living in Concord, Ralph Shepard is called "Taylor." His trade was that of a tailor, but he probably did not practice it much, if at all, in this country. He owned a great deal of land, and, though there is no record of it in so many words, it seems as though he must have been a farmer.

The description of his land appears to indicate as much. In the deed of February, 1663, it is spoken of as "both pasture & broaken up land." It is in the next deed that it seems more evident that he was a farmer. Ralph Shepard makes over to Benjamin Bunker "all that my dwelling house in Maulden with all the out houses, barnes, stables, orchards, yards, gardens and land thereto adjoyeing conteyneing by estimaccon about foureten acres, be it more or be it less, * * * * also a fiften acre lott of swamp land ly'ng in the great swamp * * * * also a parcell of land conteyneing three acres and a half, be it more

[1] See *Appendix C*, Land Claim Notice.—p. 35.
[2] *Id.* II., p. 36.

or be it less, lying within ye bounds of Charlestowne * * * * also foure hay lotts, ly'ng within the bounds of Charlestowne * * * * also two Hay lotts ly'ng in Charlestowne bounds."[1] All this land he sold for one hundred and sixty pounds. That was a good deal of wealth in those days. It amounts to about eight hundred dollars, which must at least be quadrupled to make it represent an equivalent amount to-day. This deed, then, seems to show that Ralph Shepard was at this time a thrifty and well-to-do farmer.

AT CONCORD.

Though apparently so well established at Malden, as we saw by the last deed (dated July 7, 1666), Ralph Shepard sold his home and moved to Concord.

His daughter Triall had married Walter Power at Malden March 11, 1660-1.[2] In 1666 they were living in Concord, but when Ralph moved there is uncertain, though it seems probable about that time. It was his daughter's home and this must have been an attraction.

He bought a large farm in Concord of Lt. Joseph Wheeler, and on March twenty-fifth, 1666 deeded sixty acres of this land to Walter Power. It was not, however, till 1678 that Joseph Wheeler deeded his property to Ralph, perhaps because Ralph did not pay for it entirely until then. This farm was located

[1] *Id.* IV., p. 40.
[2] *Probate Record of Middx. Co.* (MS.): Vol. I., p. 45.

in the New Grant (made in 1655 and laid out in 1666) which comprised the present territory of Acton and portions of Carlisle and Littleton.[1] It is described in the deed as follows:—

"One parcell of land * * * * conteyneing by estimaccon six hundred & ten acr^es of upland, swamp, & meadow land, be it more or less, butted & bounded northeast by Chelmsford lyne, & Southwes^t upon Nashobah Township, & Southeast upon a great pond called Nagog, & so ly'ng in a tryangle, with the poyn^t of the said triangle, northwest."[2]

The land he had sold to Bunker for one hundred and sixty pounds consisted of thirty-two and a half acres and six hay lots, all apparently improved land; while this land amounted to six hundred and ten acres of what would appear from the price to be unimproved property.

On March 25, 1666, as we have seen, Ralph Shepard deeded sixty acres of his farm to his son-in-law Walter Power. The land thus deeded was from the northern part of the farm. The price is not stated, but Walter Power gave "vallauable consideraccon and sattisfaccon * * * * in hand payd."

A long gap now occurs before we have any record of Ralph again. On May 29th, 1681 he executed two deeds, thus parting with another portion of his Nashoba farm. One of them was to his son Abraham and the other to the three children of his son Isaac. The former was near the "Indian Plantation called

[1] *Concord in the Colonial Period*: Chas. H. Walcott: Boston: Estes & Lauriat, 1884: pp. 52 to 54.

[2] See *Appendix C*, V., p. 42.

Nashobey" and consisted of "one house lott * * * * Also the uper end or halfe of the long medow * * * * Also a swampe at the head of sayd medow about fore or fiue acres. Also a Part of the Great medow * * * * and one third part of my said farme that is yet undevided."[1]

The other deed was drawn in favor of Isaac's sons and daughter instead of to Isaac himself, as he had been killed by the Indians February 12th, 1676.[2] The acreage is not given, but it is described as "One house lott * * * * bounded South by my owne house lott upon the West partly by the Indian plantation and partly by land belonging to Peter Dill; upon the North by Abraham Shepard; upon the East by Walter Powers, also the lower end of the long meadow, bounded Westerly by Abraham Shepard * * * * Also part of the great meadow bounded Easterly" and southerly by Abraham Shepard and on the north by Walter Powers. "Also—one third part of my said farme yet undivided."[3]

These deeds give us some faint glimpse of Ralph Shepard at this time. He was now seventy-nine and an old man. As there is no release of dower in either of the last two, dated 1681, and as his wife signed all others from him, she must have died before this.

[1] See *Appendix C*, VI., p. 44.

[2] *Middx. County Probate Records* (MS.): No. 14,475. It has been said that Isaac and Jacob Shepard were killed by the Indians, but Chas. H. Walcott (in *Concord in the Colonial Period* p. 107 note) says: "An examination of the town records and other sources of information fails to disclose any evidence that a person named Jacob Shepard ever lived or died in Concord."

[3] See *Appendix C.*, VII., p. 46.

HERE LYETH
OF RALPH
SHEPHARD AGED
90 YEARS
DIED

His son Isaac was dead, but Isaac's children lived close by. His daughters Trial and Thanks, with their husbands, Walter Power and Peter Dill, and his son Abraham lived near at hand. He seems to have been surrounded with his kindred.[1]

THE CLOSE OF LIFE.

We have been able to catch but a glance here and there of Ralph Shepard, and now eleven years more roll by in silence. Then all we find is the simple record of his death. He is buried in the old Bell Rock cemetery in Malden, and over his grave stands a tombstone weatherbeaten with the storms of two centuries.

On the opposite page is a heliotype of this quaintly carved old stone. The hour-glass and cross-bones tell us that time does not tarry and that so death comes to all; while the wings on either side of the skull suggest the hope of a blessed immortality. Below these symbols, we read that Ralph Shepard died aged ninety, September 11, 1693.

But, though we are sure that he died just two hundred years ago, we cannot be certain of the day of the month; for, according to the Charlestown

[1] For a list of Ralph's children and grandchildren, see *Appendix D.*, p. 48.

records, it was a little earlier. There we find the following entry:—

"Ralph Shepherd, aged ninety yeares, dyed August 20th... 1693"[1]

The difference is slight, yet we should be better satisfied if the two records agreed. In those days, however, such mistakes were common. It may be that the tombstone was put up, and the inscription written from memory sometime after Ralph's decease, —but this is only conjecture.

As Ralph's death is recorded at Charlestown and as he was buried in Malden, he must have died at the former place, presumably at Charlestown-Mystic-Side, where Thomas Shepard[2] lived. Ralph's advanced age would lead us to suppose that he was away from Concord on a visit only, and that death overtook him unawares.

[1] *Charlestown Archives, Births, Marriages and Deaths* (MS.): Vol. III., p. 567—a transcript of Vol. I., fol. 131, fourth entry.

[2] See *Appendix D*, p. 48.

CONCLUSION.

Thus the history of Ralph Shepard ends. The story is told of this Puritan who left his native land, more than two and a half centuries ago, to make a new home in the New World.

Unquestionably he was influenced by the exciting events of his time. Being driven from England by religious intolerance, he passed the best part of his long life in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, and did his share in promoting the growth and prosperity of not a few of her towns. Tolerant himself, he could not but be grieved at the ill-treatment of the fanatical Quakers. Moreover the death of one of his sons by the hands of the Indians, when the latter were banded together to exterminate the hated foreigners, must have caused him to watch with painful interest the progress of King Philip's bloody war. His heart was no doubt stirred with anger by the wrongs inflicted on New England, and, when nearing his end, he must have rejoiced at the overthrow of the tyrant Andros and the success of the bloodless revolution. Then, too, the year before his death is marked by the cruel persecution of the witches at Salem. His life covered nearly the whole of the seventeenth century, from the reign of James I. to that of William and Mary in England, and in America from the earliest

British settlement to the granting of the new Massachusetts charter.

Yet, living as he did in such an epoch, he does not seem to have departed from the even tenor of his way. Upheld by a strong faith in God, the old Puritan tried to fulfil his duty and do his daily task. He tilled the soil, and by the sweat of his brow provided homes for his children and his children's children. Thus his last days must have been made happy by the consciousness of a life well spent.

May his descendants never fail to do him honor.

SUPPLEMENT.

APPENDIX A.—PART ONE.

To Illustrate the Dedham Town Meeting.

Dedham The 23th of ye first Month called March 1636–7 The first[1] Assembly in Dedham by whose names are vnderwritten vizt Edward Alleyn, Abraham Shawe, Samuell Morse, Phileman Dalton, Joseph Shawe, Ezechiell Holliman, Lambert Genere, Nicholas Phillips, Raffe Shepheard, John Gaye, Francis Austen, Willm Berstowe, John Rogers, Daniell Morse, John Huggens

1 First yt wch was agreed vpon ye last assembly was Read & confirmed.

2 Jonathan Fearebanke being prsented by John Dwite was accepted & subscribed.

3 Graunted to Samuell Morse yt necke of medowe lying next vnto yt medowes graunted vnto Edward Alleyn towards the North to have it for a medowe Lott: And yf it ꝑveth by measure to be more or lesse then 12: Acres to be Reckoned vnto him accordingly. Also graunted vnto him. All yt vpland wch lyeth betweene ye Rocks & ye sayd Medowe, to begiñe at ye Northermost end of those lands graunted vnto Edw: Alleyn & to extend soe farre as the sayd nowe graunted medowe extendeth towards ye North.

[1] As we know that the Dedham Company came from Watertown, this shows that the first meetings were held there.

4 Ordered y^{t} in ye greate Iland vnd^{r} ye Rocke shall a yard be paled in for Swyne, the pale to be cut 6: foote, a single Rayle 12: Foote longe. ye posts mortised, pales to be bownd to ye Rayles wth poles & withes: wch Lambert Genere hath vnd^{r}taken to doe at 2^{s}. 4^{d} p Rod, & to build a sufficient shead to lodge the Swine into the bargayne. to be payed by those of our towne y^{t} doe put any Swyne therinto Sam: Morse, Jonath: Fearebanke, & Willm Bearestowe or any twoe of them are to assigne the Tymber for it.

5 Wheras ther hath ben made some pposicons by Abraham Shawe for ye erecting of a Corne Mill in our Towne. We doe now grante vnto ye sayd Abraham Sixty Acres of Land to belong vnto ye sayd Mill soe erected pvided allwayes y^{t} the same be a Water Mill, els not. We order also y^{t} eu^{r}y man y^{t} hath lott wth vs, shall assist to breng the Milstones from Watertowne Mill by land vnto ye boateing place neer m^{r} Haynes his farme. It is alsoe further graunted vnto ye sayd Abraham y^{t} the sayd grownd & mill soe to be builte shalbe at his owne disposeing in case of sale or other alienacon at his pleasure. Saveing y^{t} our Towne shall haue ye first Refusall of it, at such a price as an other man wold Realy give for any such alienacon accordingly.

6 Granted vnto Edward Alleyn two Acres vpon the Smoth playne to lye Right before & next vnto his Iland for his better accommodacon in building & inhabiting his sayd Iland.

7 Granted vnto Philemon Dalton, Lambert Genere, Raffe Shepheard & Joseph Morse, one pcell of Medowe as it lyeth vpon ye River, betwene ye barren hills & ye sayd Riu^{r}: in consideracon of their paynes taken in first discou^{r}y of the North side of our Towne.

8 Granted vnto Samuell Morse & Edward Alleyn one smale pcell of medowe lying next above & neere vnto ye form^{r} medowe soe granted & as ye same doth: in consideracon of their like paynes taken in discou^{r}y of y^{t} side of our Towne.

9 Wheras vpon ye 31. December last it was ordered to Restrayne trees of vnd^{r} 6: inches in ye carfe for being felled wthin a myle distant from our Meeting house intended. It is nowe by vs p^{r}sent ordered y^{t} it be Restrayned vnto vpland grownd only: soe y^{t} all Swampes soe long as they are not lotted out, are Free for such trees to be taken only for necessary vses, wch also may further ye cleering of Swamps wch is much to be desiered.

1637 The 25th Aprill being ye 2d Month 1637

Dedham Assembled whose names are vnderwritten vizt Edward Alleyn, Abraham Shawe, Samuell Morse, Philemon Dalton, John Kingsbery, John Dwite, John Haward, Lambert Genere, Raffe Shepheard, Nicholas Phillipps, John Gaye, Frances Austen, Jonathan Farebancke, Daniell Morse, Willm Bearestowe, John Rogers, John Huggens.

1 First yt wch was agreed vpon the last assembly was Read & confirmed

2 Mr Thomas Carter prsented by Philemon Dalton was prsented accepted & subscribed.

3 Ordered yt the watches & wards shalbe carefully set & kept & all other things done & pformed according to ye order of [ ] in ye best manner we may be able. And to that purpose Daniell Morse Chosen Seriant at Armes to order the same vntill we haue other supply.

4 Wheras Frances Austen made knowne vnto vs yt his Lott pveth very defective & soe Refering himselfe vnto ye company. It was Resolved by vs yt it shold afterward be Rectefyed.

5 Wheras Lambert Genere haueing pvided Clapbord for his house, but hindred laying the same both by sicknes as also by some imploymts for our generall good. In wch Respect at his Request liberty was [ ] graunted vnto him for laying ye same vntill ye first of June next the formr order to ye contrary not wth standing.

Wheras meetings haue ben agreed vpon & tymes apoynted accordingly, it hath often happened yt by ye slacknes of many their comeing, others haue by long attendance waested much tyme to their greate damage. It is nowe for prvention therof agreed & ordered that whoesoever shall haue Received notice of such a meeteing & shall absent himselfe one halfe houer after ye beateing of the drume shall forfet twelve pence. And yf any shall wholly absent himselfe shall forfet the sum of Three shillings & Fower pence. except ther be some greate occasions to the contrary & ye same to be allowed of accordingly in eyther of ye sayd cases.[1]

[1] This was the tenth recorded meeting. Ralph had previously attended only five meetings.

Dedham The 11.th of ye Third Month comonly called Maye. 1637 Assembled whose names are vnderwritten vizt. Edward Alleyn, Abraham Shawe, Samuell Morse, Philemon Dalton, John Dwite, Lambert Genere, Nicholas Phillips, Joseph Shawe, Raffe Shepheard, John Gaye, Jonathan Farebanke, Daniell Morse, Willm Bearestowe, Joseph Morse, Francis Austen, John Rogers.

1 That wch was agreed vpon ye last meeting was Read & confirmed.

2 Wheras Thomas Cakebread of Watertowne hath diursely manifested his desier to come and have Lot wth vs. It is agreed yt vpon good consideracon of his knoweledge in Marshiall afayers & in other cases he may become an vsefull man in our Towne. Therfore Abraham Shawe Clarke of our trayned band Daniell Morse Sariant, & Philemon Dalton are apoynted to treate wth him concrneing such pposicons as may be thought Fitting concrneing the same his enterteynemt

3 Edward Alleyn, & Abraham Shawe appoynted to attend the next court both for defence concrneing Watertowns pposicons against the North side of our Towne: as also for other businesses ther to be pformed. And also that they may choose other of our society to assist them yf yf occasion serve & all at a comon Charge.

4 Wheras vpon good viewe taken of ye Swampes next ye Towne they are fownd to be soe greate yt ye formr pportion allotted to men will not be neere sufficient to cleere them wherfore we doe nowe by a genrall consent order that soe many as haue 12: acre lotts may haue 4 acres for their 2: acres formrly granted, & those 8 acre lotts may haue 3. acres of Swampe yf they please, otherwise not. Provided allwayes that [ ] the fourth pte of yt wch [ ] man doth accept of shalbe cleered eury yeare in manner and forme according to ye first order Ordering also yt whosoever shalbe fownd defective shall for eury defaulte soe made forfett ye price of an Ewe kid then to be [ ] valewed and payd vnto ye collector for benefit of ye wholl towne. It is to be the [ ] valewe of an Ewe kid of Eight weekes old when ye defect is soe fownd.

Agreed to take swampe according to y^is order

	Acres		Acres		Acres
Ed: Alleyn	4	La: Gen^re	4	Da: Morse	4
Ab: Shawe	4	Ra: Shepherd	4	Jo: Morse	4
Sa: Morse	4	Ni: Phillipps	4	Wm: Berstowe	3
Ph: Dalton	4	Jo: Gay	4	Jon: Farebanke	4
Jo: Dwite	4	Jos: Shawe	3	Fr: Austen	4
Jo: Rogers refuse.					58

5 Graunted vnto Abraham Shawe one litle hill of grownd as it lyeth incompased wth Swampe aboue the Easterly side of ye litle Riu^r, in consideracōn of some care & paynes taken of & conc^rning our Townes busines. ꝑvided that he take 4: acres of Swamp to him selfe & his sonn Joseph 3. acres all to adjoine vnto ye said litle hill, and cleer ye same accordingly.

6 Agreed y^t Phileman Dalton shall haue his 4: acres of Swampe to lye next aboue m^r Shawe & John Dwite his 4 acres next above Phil: Dalton.

7 Ordered y^t strangers hoggs may be enterteyned to be kept amongst ours in the Iland. yf they paye [ ] shillings ꝑ yeare for ech heade or Swyne. wherof 18^d is to be payd at the entrance & the rest before the Swyne be taken awaye.

8 Thomas Hastings laying downe his lott vnto our society John Eaton is enterteyned into ye same & subscribed.

9 Wheras ye evill disposicōn of ye Natiues hath caused vs of late to vnd^rgoe very much watching & wardings &c wherby much expence of municōn &c hath ben amongst vs to our greate Charge & detrim^t besids our tyme expended & the samelike still to continewe. wherfore we doe by gen^rall concent order y^t eu^ry man that henceforth shalbe admitted vnto vs shall p^rsently paye vnto our Collector Ten shillings of English money to be imployed for municōn &c for gen^rall defence of our Towne y^t all men [in some] ꝑportion beare charge accordingly.[1]

[1] *Dedham Town Records*, as before: pp. 28–31 incl.

APPENDIX A.—PART TWO.

Ralph Shepard's Dedham Land Transactions.

I.

Set out & measured by Thomas Bartlet Lotts for seu^{r}all men as followeth vizt.

For Samuell Morse 12. Acres. For Raffe Shepheard 12. Acres.
For Philleman Dalton 12. Acres. For Lambert Genere 12. Acres.
For Daniell Morse 12. Acres. For Nicholas Phillips 12. Acres.
For Joseph Morse 12. Acres.—August 18, 1636.[1]

II.

7 Granted vnto Philemon Dalton, Lambert Genere, Raffe Shepheard & Joseph Morse, one pcell of Medowe as it lyeth vpon ye River, betwene ye barren hills & ye sayd Riu^{r}: in consideracōn of their paynes taken in first discou^{r}y of the North side of our Towne. — At town meeting, March 23, 1637.[2]

III.

Agreed to take swampe according to y^{is} order
Ra: Shepherd 4 Acres.—At town meeting, May 11, 1637.[3]

IV.

5 It is consented that Nic^{o}: Phillipps may purchase of Joseph Kingsbery y^{t} Lott wch form^{r}ly was graunted vnto Raffe Shepheard for a grateficacōn: to dispose vnto some other man — At town meeting, Aug. 11, 1637.[4]

V.

14 John Eaton manifesting himselfe to be willing to laye downe vnto ye Towne ether his Lott in ye Iland or that sixe acres in ye playne wch he purchased of Raffe Shepheard, & wch of these to doe he hath taken 6 weeks liberty to give his Resolucōn.— At town meeting, November 28, 1637.[5]

[1] *Dedham Town Records*, as before, Vol. III., p. 20.
[2] *Id.* p. 29 (See also *Appendix A.—Part One*, p. 26.)
[3] *Id.* p. 31. (See also *Appendix A.—Part One*, p. 29.)
[4] *Id.* p. 33.
[5] *Id.* p. 37.

VI.

Wheras John Eaton hath Relinqueshed vnto our Towne those 6: acres wch he purchased of Raffe Shepheard. Provided y^{t} the Towne doe satisfye Ra: Shepheard & doe discharge him of ye sayd bargen. And y^{t} nowe m^{r} John Allen vndertaking to satisfye the sayd bargen, We doe wth a gen^{r}all cosent condescend thervnto: And y^{t} he may confer ye same vpon one or 2: freinds afterward for house situacons we aloweing vnto such his sayd freinds. Lotts els wher as is Requesite in y^{t} behalfe.— January 18, 1637-8.[1]

VII.

And thervpon it is condescended y^{t} m^{r} John Allen may possesse y^{t} pte of Rafe Shepheards lot soe purchased vnto himselfe in all or in pte at his pleasure for his neerer accomodacon to ye meetinghouse.— At town meeting, July 6, 1638.[2]

VIII.

Raffe Shepheard, Lambert Genere, Jos: Kingsbery Jos: Shawe, & Nat: Colberne are assigned to take ye 16 a^{cr}: 3:[3] 12 ^{po}:[4] lying downe streame next aboue y^{e} [pond] & devide ye same betwixt them to make vp ther halfe Lotts. Raffe Shepherd to have ye over plus towards satisfaction of y^{t} he pted wth at home.—At town meeting, July 28, 1638.[5]

IX.

Raffe Shepheard selleth vnto m^{r} John Allin his heyers and Assignes for ever the one halfe of his twelue acres of vpland lying betweene other halfe of ye sayd Raffe Shepheards twelve acres towards the East & ye Waest towards ye west & Abutteth vpon ye Swampe towards ye South & ye Medowes next Charles River towards ye North together wth all clayme or interest wch he had or might haue had in ye Swampe or medowe at ether end For wch he acknowledge himselfe by ye sayd m^{r} Allin & ye towne of Dedham to be fully satisfyed—as by his bill dated the 21th of ye 6th month appeth.—At town meeting, August 7th, 1639.[6]

[1] *Id.* p. 39.

[2] *Id.* p. 45.

[3] "rods"—supplied from MS. Rec. Vol. III., p. 69.

[4] "of meadow"—*Id.*

[5] *Id.* p. 46.

[6] *Id.* p. 58. After this grant as it appears in Vol. III. (MS.), p. 16 is written "to Jno Allin fr. R. Sh^{d} 6 a. 18-11-1637." As the date given above is in the main body of the grant it is the one on which to rely.

Ralph Shepheard, twelve Acres, more or lesse as it lyth betwene Lambert Genery towards the east; and the waest towards the west, and abutts vpon the meadowe towards the north and the swampe towards the south, the high street through the same.[1]

Ralph Shepherd twelue Acres more or lesse being his gratification Lott, as it lyeth betwen Henry Phillips towards the north and the meadow & the waye towards the south and abutteth vpon the meadows towards the east and the waye towards the west.[2]

Ezekiell Holliman hath twelue Acres more or lesse granted vnto him & his assignes for euer from Ralph Shepheard being his gratification Lott. as it lyeth betwene Henery Phillips towards the north and the meadowes and the high waye towards the south and Abutteth vpon the meadowes towards the east, and the waye towards the west.[3]

Ralph Shepherd one acre & halfe of meadow more or lesse as it lyeth betwene Charles Riuer towards the north & the said Ralph towards the south & Abutts vpon Lambert Genere towards the East & Mr John Allin towards the west.[4]

Ralph Shepherd two acres of meadow more or lesse as it lyeth betwene Philemon Dalton towards the east and Joseph Morse towards the west. and Abutts vpon the waste Land towards the north and Charles Riuer towards the south.[5]

Granted to the house Lott of Ralph Shepheard. as an appurtenance thereof. two acres of vpland to be layed out vpon the great playne ye 6. of 12. mo. 1642.[6]

Granted vnto Ralph Shepheard and his heyers for euer sixe acres of meadow. as it lyeth in the broade meadowe abutting vpon Mr Wheelock east John Roper. west. the high waye next

[1] *Dedham Town Records* (MS.): Vol. III., p. 2. At the head of the page containing the above is the following: "It appears by the day book that these lands were granted August 15, 1636." It is impossible to say to how many entries this applies. Most likely this grant and the first one mentioned are identical.

[2] *Id.* p. 4.

[3] *Id.* p. 5.

[4] *Id.* p. 16.

[5] *Id.* p. 23.

[6] *Id.* p. 72.

Charles Riuer. south and Eleazer Lusher north. ye 22 of 12. mo: 1650.[1]

It may be as well to call attention here to the following, which occurs on p. 167 of the third volume of the printed *Dedham Town Records*, under date of January 22, 1650–1 :

Ralph Shephard. want 10 Acr. ½ mead. entreing

This signifies that at that time there were ten and a half acres of Ralph Shepard's land yet to enter. It may be an incidental reference of an otherwise unrecorded grant.

[1] *Id.* p. 87. According to the *Dedham Town Records* the preceding seem to be all the land transactions with which Ralph Shepard had any connection.

Note that where a grant is mentioned in the records more than once, in this work it is omitted.

APPENDIX B.

Extract from Middlesex County Records.[1]

At a County Court held at Cambridge. 1. (2) [April] 1651

Ralph Shepard tooke the oath of a Freeman.—p. 16.

At a County Court held at Cambridge Aprill the 2d. 1661.

Ralph Shepard is granted adm'stracc̄on on the estate, of widow Jane Learned deceased. & attested on oath to an Inventory of the estate exhibited in Court. —p. 228.

At the same County Court.

Ralph Shepard appearing in Court, acknowledged himselfe, ingaged, to pay 50s. to ye Tre'r of this Coun.' in behalfe of his sonn in law Walter Poor.—p. 230.

At a Coun' Court held at Charlestowne Decemr. 17th. 1661

Mr. Joseph Hills, Abram̄ Hills, & Ralph Shepheard. being prsented for straitening the highway, The Court ordered that they allow ye Highway in breadth according to what bounds they haue ben orderly layd out, & make sattisfacc̄on to the Towne for wt they haue taken from the same, p̣vided that in no case the conveniency of travellers passage be interrupted.—p. 242.

(Marginal note): Mr Hill. Abram̄ Hill. Ralph Shepd prsentmts. Costs. 7s. 6d

At a Coun' Court held at Cambridge Aprill. 2th. 1663.

Abram̄ Shepard of Mauldon, not appearing to Sum̄ons to answr the presentmts of the Grand Jury is to pay the witnesses their costs. being. 16s.—p. 281.

At the same County Court.

Ralph Shepard is to pay costs to Goodm̄ Brackenbury & Jno. Greene eight shillings. the sd Shepard being sum̄oned to this Court to give an account of his Excuseing his sonnes non appearance at last Court.

Excecucc̄on granted for 24s agt ye above sd Shepard and deliud to Wm. Brackenbury 18. 8. 64. Thomas Danforth.—p. 282.

[1] *Records of the County of Middlesex*, Mass. (MS.): Transcribed by David Pulsifer: 1851: Vol. I.

APPENDIX C.

Land Claim Notice.[1]

Ralph Shepard of Maulden layeth claime to a pcell of land ly'ng in Maulden conteyneing ab^{t} sixty rods ly'ng triangle wise, bounded easterly by a Highway leading to ye meeting house norwesterly by a Highway leading to Sandy bank & southerly by seme lands of Thomas Lindes of Maulden aforesaid, sometime ye lande of Jno. Lewis deceased & desires his claime may be Recorded according to ye law for possession

pag 65 Decem. 16. 1661

Demand as above said was long since made

In the p^{r}esence of us JOSEPH HILLS

JNO. WAYTE

Entered 20. 10. 1661

Thomas Danforth Rec.

I.

A sale of a parcell of Land lying and scituate on mistik syde By Mr Richard Palgrave unto Ralph Shepheard: the 19th day of the 1st month, 1650:–51.[2]

Know all men by these presents, that I, Richard Palsgrave, of charltowne, in the county of Midlesexe, Phisition, with the consent and Assent of Anne my wife, have sould unto Ralph Shepheard of Maldon, in the county of aforesayd, Taylor: my Lott of upland, lying by the North Springe on Mistik Syde, containing five Ackers: to bee compleat: Alsoe, my four cow Lotts, as they are granted me from the Towne. To the sayd Ralph to have and to hould to him and his Heirs for Ever, without any molestation from mee or my heigrs, Execcutors, or Administrators. In witnes whereof wee have to the original coppy put our hands the day and date above written.

[1] *Middlesex County Records* (MS.): Book II., p. 384.

[2] *Third Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston*: Boston: 1878: p. 122.

II.

Ralph Shepard to Abraham Hill.[1]

Know all Men by these Presents that I. Ralph Shepard of Maulden in the coun' of Midd. Taylor, with the assent & consent of ThanksLord my wife, for the sum̃e of three pounds & ten shillings by the acre (according as the same amount-unto upon a just measure) to be payd or seccured to be payd, by Abraham Hill of the Towne and Coun' aforesaid Carpenter. before the sealing hereof, Have — bargained, granted, sold, enfeoffed, & confirmed, and do by these presents, bargaine, grant, sell, enfeoffe, & confirme unto the—said Abraham Hill, All that my land both pasture and — broaken upland, scittuate ly'ng & being between the land of Joseph Hills Junio^r. and the land of Thomas Linde Junio' in ye Towne of Maulden, and is bounded Easterly by the lands of Joseph Hill Jun'. and the said Abraham Hill, Westerly by the land of Thomas Linde' Jun', Southerly by the lands of James Greene, and Michael Wigelsworth, Northerly by the land of John Wayte, & the Highway. To Have, Hold, injoy, possesse, & impoove, all the said Land both pasture & broaken upland with all the presents profits, priviledges, & im̃unitys thereto belonging to Him the said Abram̃ Hill, and his heyres forever, Also I the said Ralph Shepard for myselfe, my heyres, Excecuto' & Adm'strator' Do covenant. promise & grant, to and with the said Abraham Hill, and with Him his heyres, Excecuto', Adm'strato' or Assignes, that Hee the said Abraham Hill his heyres, Excecuto', Adm'strato' or Assignes, shall or lawfully may quietly & peaceably, Hold injoy, possesse, & impoove, all the said land, bounded as aforesaid both broaken up, & pasture land, both broaken up, and pasture land, with all the p^rsents, profits, priviledges, & Im̃unityes thereto belonging without any lawfull Expulc̃c̃on, evic̃c̃on, or interrupc̃c̃on of or from mee the said Ralph Shepard, my heyres, Excecuto' or adm'strato', or from any other person or persons, laying any Lawfull claime thereunto, Also I the said Ralph Shepard do covenant and grant, that I have lawfull power & authority to bargaine, grant, & sell the p^rmises unto the said Abraham Hill and his heyres as aforesaid. And I the said Ralph Shepard do

[1] *Middx. County Records* (MS.): Book III., p. 105.

covenant grant & warrant the same to be free, & discharged of all form' bargaines and sales, mortgages, Joyntures, dowers, leases, Attachm^{t}, Judgemts, excecuccons. & all other incumbrances whatsoever, And also I the said Ralph do promise to do & cause to be done, all and eu'ie such thing & things as shall be meet for the confirmaccon of the p^{r}mises, whether by deliu'ie and possession giveing, or acknowledging these to be my act and deed before lawful authority being called thereto or otherwise. In witness to all and singular the within mencconed p^{r}mises I the said Ralph Shepard, & Thankes Lord my wife, have hereunto sett o^{r} hands & seales the fift day of ye twelfe mo. one thousand six hundred sixty & three.

Signed, sealed, & deliv'^{d} Ralph Shepard & a seale
In the p^{r}sence of us, Thanks Lord Shepard & a seale
Joel Jenkins,
Jno. Wayte.

The within named Ralph Shepard did give possession to Abraham Hill (of all the land within mencconed in ye deed of sale on the other side) by turfe & twig, on the nineteenth day of the Second mo. one thousand, six hundred sixty foure

In the p^{r}sence of us.
John Wayte.
signed
Willm. ° Augier

Entered & Recorded at Cambridge in New England 23^{d}.–11 mo. 1664. By Thomas Danforth Record.

III.

Ralph Shepard to Walter Power.[1]

To all christian People to whome this p^{r}sent writeing shall come. Know ye that I Ralph—Shepard of Concord in the coun' of Middlesex Taylor, with the assent & consent of Thankslord my wife, & for vallauable consideraccon and sattis-

[1] *Middx. County Records* (MS.): Book VI., p. 338.
This deed is to be found substantially the same in the *Concord Town Records* (MS.): Transcribed by David Pulsifer, Vol. I., p. 319.

facc̄on to mee in hand payd & made by my sonne in law walter Power of concord in the coun' aforesd. Plant^{r}. before the sealing hereof, the receite whereof I do hereby acknowledge, and thereof and of eu'ie p^{t} and parcell thereof, do fully, clearly, & absolutely acquitt, exon'ate & discharge him the said walter power, his heyres, excecto', and am'strato' by these p^{r}sents, Haue given grañted, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, and confirmed & do by these p^{r}sents, give grant bargaine, sell, alien, enfeoffe, & confirme, nnto walter Power aforesaid, a c'teine parcell of land both upland & meadow land, sittuate, lying and being in concord afores^{d}, and is part of the land form'ly purchased of L^{t}. Joseph Wheeler, conteyneing in the whole sixty acc', be it more, or be it less, and is butted and bounded as followeth, namely on the northeast by Chelmsford Towne, on the northwest by the said Ralph Shepards land, and on the southeast and southwesterly by the land of the said Ralph—Shepard, To have and to hold all the said Sixty acc' of upland & meadow land, butted & bounded as afores^{d} with all the profits, priviledges, & im̄unityes—thereto belonging to him the said Walter Power—and his heyres forever, also I the said Ralph Shepard for myselfe, my heyres, executo' & adm'strato' do coven^{t}. promise & grant to and wth him the said Walter Power, and with him his heyres, excecuto' & assignes, that he the said Walter Power his heyres, Excecuto', or assignes shall or may quietly & peaceably, injoy, hold, possesse & improve, all the said land both upland and meadow, butting and bounded as afores^{d}, with all the profits, priviledges, & im̄unityes thereto belonging without any lett, sute, trouble, molestacc̄ion, or interruption of or from mee the s^{d} Ralph—Shepard, my heyres. Excecuto', or adm's-trators or of or from any other person or persons w^{t}soever, lay'ng any lawfull. clayme t'ereunto. And that I haue full power, & in my owne right to alien, sell, & dispose the said land as aforesaid, and that the said land is free from all other & form' gifts, grants, bargaines, sales, mortgages, attachm^{ts}, judgem^{ts}, excecuccon', wills, joyntures, dower, thirds, or any encumbranc whatsoever, And that I will furt' do or cause to be done, any other act or acts thing or things that may be for the more full ample, & legall confirmation of the p^{r}emises, whether by acknowledging this to be my act & deed before lawfull au't'ourity being called thereto, or otherwise. In witnes to all & singular the within

mentioned p^r^emises, I the sd. Ralph Shepard, and Thanklord my Wife, have hereunto put o^r^ hands & seales, this 25th day of the first mo. com̄only called March, and in the yeare of or Lord, one thousand six hundred Sixty six.

Signed, sealed, & Deliu'^d^ 'In the p^r^sence of us.
The marke of Isaac Shepard.
The marke of Jacob Shepard.

Ralph Shepard & a seale.
Thank Lord Shepard & a seale.

This deed of sale was acknowledged by Ralph Shepard, this 31 of ye 1st mo. 1675.

Before mee Simon Willard Assist.

This was also acknowledged, & consented unto by Thanklord Shepard, the 28th of y^e^ [4][1] mo. 1675

Before me Simon Willard
Assist^t^.

Indorssed.
Deliu'ie & possession of the within mencconed land on pt. in name of the whole, was given by the within mencc'oned Ralph Shepard unto the within mencc'oned walter Power in the first mo. in the yeare one thousand six-hundred sixty six.

In the p^r^sence of us.
The marke of Abram̄ Shepard
The marke of Isaac Shepard——

Entred 27. 3. 1678
By Thomas Danforth R.

IV.

Ralph Shepard to Benjamin Bunker.[2]

To all Christian People to whome this present writeing shall come greeting Know ye that I Ralph Shepard of Maulden in the County of Midlesex Taylor, with the assent and consent of thankslord my wife, and for and in consideration of the sum̄e of ten pounds in money in hand payd by M^r^. Benjamin Bunker of the Towne and coun' aforesaid clerke. the receite whereof I do

[1] In the copy of this deed in the *Concord Town Records* (MS.): Transcribed by David Pulsifer: Vol. I., p. 320, this figure is plainly "2."

[2] *Middx. County Records* (MS.): Book III., p. 234.

hereby acknowledge, and thereof, and of eu'ie part and parcell thereof do fully, clearly, & absolutely acquitt and—discharge the said Benjamin Bunker, his heyres, excecuto', and adm'strato', and one hundred and fifty pounds, secured to be—payd at the sealing hereof. By these presents haue. bargained, granted, sold, enfeoffed & confirmed, and do by these presents bargaine, grant, sell, enfeoffe, & confirme unto Benjamin—Bunker aforesaid all that my dwelling house in Maulden with all the outhouses, barnes, stables, orchards, yards, gardens, and land thereto adjoyeing conteyneing by estimaccon about foureten acres, be it more or be it less, bounded northerly by the land of Thomas Linde, southerly by the land of Wm. Brackenbury and land belonging to the Towne, easterly by the land of master Wiggelsworth, westerly by the cartway to Sandy banke, also a fiften acre lott of swamp land ly'ng in the great swamp being sometimes the propper lott of M^r^. Withrell, and is bounded northerly & northeasterly by the land of John Bunker, southerly by the land of Samuel Sprague, sometime. the propper lot of Abraham Palmer, westerly by the land of Thomas Linde Senr. also a parcell of land conteyneing three acres and a halfe, be it more or be it less, lying within ye bounds of Charlestowne, by the north-spring, bounded southerly by the lands of James Haydon, northerly by the land of Philip Atwood, and Richard Addams, easterly Johnsons Plaine, westerly the way to the meadows, also foure hay lotts, ly'ng within the bounds of Charlestowne, bounded north—John Fosdicks marsh, south Miles Nutt, west the river, east the Highway. also two Hay Lotts ly'ng in Charlestowne bounds, bounded north by the Bull lotts, south Steeven Payne & Philip Atwoods land west Rands creeke, east steeven Paynes Pasture. To haue, hold, injoy possesse & improve, all the said dwelling house, outhouses, orchards, yards, gardens, & land, thereto adjoyneing, with all the severall—parcells of land thereto belonging, both upland, swamp, and meadow, scittuate, ly'ng being & bounded as aforesaid, to him the said Benjamin Bunker his heyres and assignes forever. Also I the said Ralph Shepard for my selfe, my heyres, Excecuto' & adm'strato' do covenant, promise & grant to and with the said Benjamin Bunker, and with him his heyres excecuto' & assignes that hee the said Benjamin Bunker his heyres, Excecuto' or assignes shall or may quietly or peaceably hold, injoy, possess &

improve all the said dwelling house, outhouses, barnes, stable, orchards, yards, gardens and land thereto belonging in all the parts & parcells thereof, scittuate, ly'ng, being and bounded as aforesaid both upland swamp & meadow be it more or less, with all and singular the appurtenances, profits, priviledges, and imunityes thereto belonging from time to time, without any lett, sute, trouble, ejeccon, contradiccon, expulccon molestaccon or interrupccon — of or from mee the said Ralph Shepard, my heyres, Excecutours, or adm'strato', or from any other person or persons whatsoever, lay'ng any Lawfull claime thereunto. Also I the said Ralph Shepard do covenant, promise, & grant that I have full & Lawfull power in my owne right to bargaine grant dispose, sell & confirme the premises as aforesaid. and do warrant the said dwelling house, barnes, stable, outhouses, orchards, yards gardens and land thereto belonging in all the parts and parcells thereof both upland swamp & meadow scittuate, ly'ng being & bounded as aforesaid to be free from all other bargaines, grants, sales, dowers, joynters—mortgages, attachm^{ts}, judgemts, Excecuccons, or any encumbrance whatsoever. Also I the said Ralph Shepard Do covenant, promise and grant to do and cause to be done, all and singular such thing and things as shall be meet & necessary for the further full ample and legall confirmation of the premises, whether by deliu'ie and possession giveing or by acknowledging this to be my act and deed, before lawfull authority being called thereto. In witnes to all and singular the within-mentioned premises I the said Ralph Shepard have hereunto set my hand & seale the seaventh day of the fifth month — (comonly called July) and in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred & sixty six.

Ralph Shepard & a seale

Signed, Sealed, & Delu'^{d}
In the presence of us
Thomas Greene Junr.
John Wayte.

Thanks Lord Shepard & a seale,

Ralph Shepard and Thanks Lord his wife came before mee, and did acknowledge they had confirmed this deed under their hands and seales to Mr. Benjamin Bunker
Aprill 4th,, 1667
By mee Richard Russell
Assist^{t}.

30. 9th. 1667
Entred & Recorded
By Thomas Danforth, Record.

V.

Joseph Wheeler to Ralph Shepard.[1]

To all People to whome these p^{r}sents shall come greeting, **Know yee** that Lt. Joseph Wheeler of Concord in the coun' of Midd: in the—Massachusets colony in New England, For and in consideraccon of the full & just sum̄e of One Hundred & forty pounds ster^{l}. to him well & truly payd by Ralph Shepard of the same plase the receite whereof the said Joseph Wheeler doth by these prs acknowledge & therewith to be fully sattisfied contented & payd, and thereof and of evrie part & parcell thereof do fully clearly & absolutely acquitt,—exon'ate release & discharge the said Ralph Shepard his heyres & adm'strat^{rs} forever by these p^{r}sents, Have granted bargained & sold aliened enfeoffed and confirmed, and by these p^{r}sents do fully freely clearly and absolutely grant, bargaine & sell alyen enfeoffe & confirme to the said Ralph Shepard his heyres & assignes by these p^{r}sents One parcell of land scittuate ly'ng & being wit'in the bounds & limitts of Concord aforesaid—conteyneing by estimac̄c̄on six hundred & ten acr^{e}s of upland swamp, & meadow land, be it more or less, butted & bounded northeast by Chelmsford lyne, and southwes^{t} upon Nashobah Township, & Southeast upon a great pond called Nagog, & so ly'ng in a tryangle, with the poyn^{t} of the said triangle northwest. to have & to hold the above granted & bargained p^{r}mises & evrie part & parcell thereof, with all the priviledges & appurtenances to ye same apperteyneing or in any wise belonging, to him the said Ralph—Shepard, his heyres & assignes forever to his & their only propp^{r} use and behoofe. And he the said Joseph Wheeler for himselfe his heyres & adm'strato^{r}s Do covenant promise & grant to & with the said Ralph Shepard his heyres & assignes by these p^{r}sents that he the said Joseph Wheeler now is, and at the ensealing & deliu'ie hereof shall stand & be lawfully & rightly sold seized of & in the above granted & bargained p^{r}mises of a good & indefeaseable estate of inheritance in fee simple by good right & lawful authority absolutely wit'out any manner of condiccon of mortgage or limit accon of use or uses to alter change or determine the same, And that—he the said Joseph

[1] *Middx. County Records* (MS.): Book VII., p. 204.

hath good right, full power & lawfull authourity the p^r^mises to grant, bargaine & confirme to him the said Ralph Shepard his heyres & assignes forever. And that he the said Ralph Shepard his heyres & assignes forever shall & may at all times, & from time to time forever hereafter quietly & peaceably haue, hold, occupie, possesse & injoy the above granted & bargained p^r^mises, without the lawfull lett, hindranc', eviccon, expulccon, sute, molestaccon, or denyall of him the said Joseph Wheeler or of Frances his beloved wife, their—heyres, excecuto' or assignes of them or of either of them or of any other person or persons whatsoever, lawfully claimeing and haueing any right title or interest therein or thereunto by, from, or under them, or either of them, or by any other—lawfull wayes & meanes whatsoever. In witness hereof I the said Joseph Wheeler &
his wife, in acknowledgmt of her full and free consent to this act & deed of her husband haue—affixed their hands & seales hereunto this day of in ye yeare of our Lord God, One thousand six hundred seaventy & eight.

Signed, sealed & dd.
In the p^r^sence of us
Timothy Wheeler
Joseph Dane.

Joseph Wheeler & a seale
Fe. Wheeler & a seale
her mark

Joseph Wheeler acknowledged this deed, Aprill. 4th. 1679.—
Before mee Edw. King Assist^t^.

Entered 15-6-79
By Thomas Danforth R.

VI.

Ralph Shepard to Abraham Shepard.[1]

To all People to whom this Present writing shall come Ralph Shepard of Concord sendeth Greeting. Know yee, that I the sayd Ralph Shepard of Concord in the countey of Midlesex in the Massachusets Colleny in New England for and in consideration of a valluable summe of money to me in hand payde by Abraham Shepard of the said towne the Receit where of I do hearby

[1] *Records of the Town of Concord* (MS.): Transcribed by David Pulsifer, Vol. I., p. 278.

acknowledg and myselfe therewith fully sattisfyed & contented. and thereof, and of euery Part thereof do acquit and discharge the sayd Abraham Shepard, his Heirs execcutors Administrators & assignes for euer by these Presents haue Giuen Granted Bargained sould Aliened enfeofed and confirmed and by these Presents do fully clearly & Absolutely Giue Grant Bargain & Sell. Alien enfeofe and confirm unto the sayd Abraram Shepard his Heirs and assigns foreuer: Part of my farme or tract of Land which I Bought of Lieuten^t Joseph Wheeler, and is cittuate and lying within the Bownds of Concord. & Adjacent to the Indian Plantation called Nashobey. the Pertiquelers are as followeth. that is to say one house lott. and as it is allredy layed out. Bownded upon the south side by the House lot that belongeth to the children of Isaac Shepard deceased upon the East & Part of the north by Walter Powers. and upon the west by Peter Dill. and what the sayd lott wants in quantity of the House lott belonging to the children of Isaac Shepard aforesayd it is to be made up to him him upon the north side of the sayd Lott adjoyning to the lott of Walter Powers. Also the uper end or halfe of the long medow. as it is now deuided by a line between two white oake trees marked on both sides of the s^d medow. Also a swampe at the head of sayd medow about fore or fiue acres. Also a Part of the Great medow. Bownded upon the west by a ditch. and takeing the whole bredth of the medow aboue the ditch. and Bownding upon the north by Walter Powers. And one third part of my said farme that is yet undevided. together with all Profits Priuelidges easements and Appurtenances to the same Belonging or in any wise Pertaining. **To Have and to Hold** the sayd Percels of land with all & euery the Rights & members & Appurtenances to the same belonging unto the said Abraham Shepard his heirs executors Administrators and to his & their Proper and sole use and behofe for euer And I the sayd Ralph Shepard for me my heirs executors and Administrators do couenant Promis and Grant by these Presents that at the time of the Ensigning hearoff I am the true and sole and lawfull owner of all the afore Bargained primises, and that I haue in my selfe full Power Good Right and lawfull Authority to Grant sell conuey and assure the same unto the sayd Abraham Shepard his heirs execcutors Administrators & assignes as a Good Perfect & Absolute estate of inheritance in

fee simple without any Contridiction Reuersion or Limetation whatsoeuer as to Alter Chaindge defeat and make voyd the same. And that the sayd Abraham Shepard his Heirs execcutors Administrators and assignes shall & may by force and vertue of these Presents Lawfully peacably and quietly. haue hould use occupy posses and Injoy the aboue Granted primeses with their Appurtenances free and clear. and clearly acquitted and discharged of & from all and all maner of former and other gift Grants Bargaines & sales leaces mortgages Jointers Dawryes, titles of Dower Judgments executions entayls forfeitures and of and from all other titeles troubles and incumbrances what soeuer. And further that I the sayd Ralph Shepard my heirs execcutors and assigns shall and will warrant and secure the s^d^ Parcels of land with all and euery of the members and appurtenances unto the sayd Abraham Shepard his heirs execcutors and assignes for euer. against all & euery parson & parsons what soeuer any wayes lawfully claimeing or demanding the same or any part threoff. in Acknowledgment hear of I haue heerto set my hand & seal this nine & twentith of May in the year of our lord one thousand six hundred & eighty. one

Ralfe Shepard

Signed sealed & deliured in presents of John flint James Blood Junr

Ralfe Shepard Acknowledged this Instrument to be his Act & Deed July 4th. 1681 Before peter Bulkly Assistant

A true coppy of origenall Deed, as Attests

Thomas Brown Clerk

VII.

Ralph Shepard to the Children of Isaac Shepard.[1]

To all People to whom this present writing shall come. Ralph Shepard sendeth greeting. **Know Ye** that I the said Ralph Shepard of—Concord in the County of Middlesex, in the Massachusets Colonie in New england For and in Consideration of a Vallueable summ of money to me in hand paid by Isaac Shepard, deceased for the most part, and the remainder by Nathaniel Jewel, now marryed to the Relict of the said Isaac Shepard of

[1] *Middx. County Records* (MS.): Book X., p. 31.

the afores^{d}. Towne, the receipt whereof I doe hereby acknowledge, and myselfe therewith fully satisfyed and contented, and thereof and of every part thereof doe acquit and discharge the Heires of the said Isaac Shepard, as also Nathaniel Jewel, his, heires, Excecuto^{rs}, Adm'strato^{rs}, and assignes forever by these presents. **Haue** given, granted, bargained, Sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed, and by these presents doe fully, clearly and absolutely, give, grant, bargaine and Sell, alien, enfeoffe and confirme unto the Children of the said Isaac Shepard deceased to their heires and assignes forever, part of my farme which I bought of Lieu^{t}. Joseph Wheeler, and is situate and lying within the bounds of Concord, the particulars whereof are as follows, that is to say, One house lott as it is already laid out and bounded; bounded South by my owne house lott upon the West partly by the Indian plantation and partly by land belonging to Peter Dill; upon the North by Abraham Shepard; upon the East by Walter Powers, also the lower end of the long meadow, bounded Westerly by Abraham Shepard, the line being extant by two marked trees upon the upland: Also part of the great meadow bounded Easterly by Abraham Shepard, a ditch being in the line, also above the ditch by the meadow of Abraham Shepard south and upon the North by Walter Powers; All which parcels were in the possession of Isaac Shepard aforesaid, and occupied by him in the time of his life: Also—one third part of my said farme yet undivided; Together with all profits, priviledges, Easements and appurtenances to the same belonging, or any wise pertaining. **To Haue** and To Hold the said parcels of land with all and every the rights, members and appurtenances to the same belonging, unto the said Isaac Shepard, Mary Shepard. and Samuel Shepard, the Children of the aforesaid Isaac Shepard, deceas^{d}. to them, their heires, Excecuto^{rs}., Adm'strato^{rs}. and Assignes, to their sole and proper use and behoofe forever And I the said Ralph Shepard for me, my heires, Excecuto^{rs}. and Adm'strato^{rs}. doe Covenant, grant and promise by these presents, that at the time of the Ensealing hereof, I am the sole and Lawfull owner of all the aforebargained premises, and that I have in myselfe good right, full power—and Lawfull authority to grant. Sell, convey and assure the same unto the said Isaac Shepard, Mary Shepard and Samuel Shepard, their heires, Excecuto^{rs}. — Adm'strato^{rs}. and

Assignes, as a good, perfect and absolute estate of Inheritance in fee simple, without any contradiction, reversion, or Limitation Whatsoever as to alter, change, defeat and make voyd the same: And that the said Isaac — Shepard, Mary Shepard and Samuel Shepard, their heires, Excecuto^{rs}, Adm'strato^{rs} and assignes shall and may by force and vertue of these presents Lawfully; peaceably and quietly have, hold, occupy, possesse and enjoy the above granted premises with their appurtenances free and clear and clearly acquitted and discharged of and from all and all manner of former and other gifts, grants, bargaines and sales, —Leases, Mortgages, Joyntures, Dowers, titles of Dower, Judge^{mts}, Excecutions, Entailes, forfeitures, and of and from all other titles, troubles and incumbrances whatsoever. And further that I the said Ralph Shepard, my Heires, Excecuto^{rs} and Assignes shall and will warrant and secure the said parcels of land with all and every the members and appurtenances unto the said Isaac Shepard, Mary Shepard and Samuel Shepard, their heires, Excecuto^{rs}. and assignes forever against all and every person & persons whatsoever anyways Lawfully claiming or demand the same or any part thereof. I have hereto set my hand and seale this nine & twentieth of May one thous^{d} six hundred & eighty one.

Signed, sealed & deliu'ed in ye presnce of
John Flint
Abrah. Shepard
his mark.

Ralph Shepard & a seale

Ralph Shepard acknowledged this Instrum^{t} to be his act and Deed July 4th. 1681 Before Pet. Bulkeley Assis^{t}.

A true copy of the original Recorded & Attested this 22^{d} day of January 1686
By Laur. Hammond Record'

APPENDIX D.

Descendants of Ralph Shepard and Thanklord, his Wife, to the Second Generation.

COMPILED BY E. N. SHEPPARD.

The asterisks in proportion to their number signify doubt as to relationship stated.

1. SARAH (b. in England) æ. 2 in 1635:[1] no further mention.

2. *THOMAS SHEPARD, of Medford and Charlestown (Mystic-Side), commonly called Thomas Shepard of Malden, æ. a. 48 in 1683,[2] md. at Malden, 19 Nov., 1658,[3] Hannah, dau. of Thomas Ensign of Scituate, was a member of the church at Charlestown and then at Malden, but died at Milton, where his son Ralph then lived, on the 26th (Town Rec.) or 29th (gr. stone) of Sept. 1719, æ. 87. He had (1)*Thomas Shepard*,[4] of Charlestown, Bristol, R. I. and East Haven, Conn. md. Hannah Blanchard: (2)*Ralph Shepard*,[5] of Brookline and Milton, Mass: (3)*John Shepard*,[6] of Charlestown, md. Persis Pierce, 26 May, 1690, and died 9 Mch., 1691 of wounds received at Quebec. (4)*David Shepard*,[7] of Dartmouth, Mass.: (5)*Jacob Shepard*,[8] b. at Medford, md. Mercy Chickering: (6)*Hannah Shepard*,[9] md. Joseph Blanchard: (7)*Isaac Shepard*,[10] of Norton, Mass., md. Rebecca Fuller:

[1] J. Camden Hotten's *Original Lists, &c.*: London: 1874: p. 97.

[2] Deposition *Essex Co. Court Files.*

[3] T. B. Wyman's *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*, Vol. II., p. 860, and *Town Records.*

[4] Wyman's *Estates, etc.*, Dodd's *East Haven Register*: Ed. 1824: p. 165 and *New-Haven Probate Records*, Vol. I., pt. 2. p. 39.

[5] Wyman, as above, and Savage, Vol. IV., p. 75. The latter says no chd. but he had several, *vide* his will, *Suffolk Probate Rec.* No. 4601, or Liber 22,569: They were, sons;—*John*, *Ralph* and *Nathaniel*;—daus;—*Mary* Williams, *Hannah* Tucker, *Sarah*, *Abigal*, and *Elizabeth Shepard*.

[6] Wyman, as before, and *Charlestown Records.*

[7] Dartmouth (Mass.) *Town Records.*

[8] *East Cambridge Records* and Savage. IV., p. 72.

[9] Wyman &c.

[10] *History of Norton, Mass.* by George Faber Clark, p. 88.

3.** JOHN SHEPARD of Concord[1], b. 1660, md.[2] Sarah, dau. of Thomas Goble of Concord, and died 15th Dec., 1699. It would be impossible to arrive at a complete record of the family of John Shepard. Besides *John*, *Mary* and *Martha*, whose births are recorded, we have *Daniel*,[3] who married[4] Mary Smedley 1 May, 1701, and perhaps *Sarah*, wife of her cousin Thomas Goble, *Rachel*, wife of John Stone:—and also *Dorothy*, b. 6 Oct., 1669.

4. ISAAC SHEPARD of Concord, b. at Weymouth, 20 June, 1639, md.[5] Mary, dau. of Baptiste Smedley and had (1)*Isaac* and (2)*Samuel Shepard* both of Plainfield, Ct.[6] and *Mary*, wife of Thomas Harris[7] of Stow, Mass. Isaac Shepard,[8] was killed by the Indians 12 Feb., 1676. His widow md. Nathaniel Jewell, 9 June, 1676.

5. TRIAL SHEPARD, b. at Weymouth 19 Dec., 1641, md., 11 Mch., 1661, Walter Powers of Nashoba,[9] who died 22 Feb., 1708, æ. 69.[10] Chd : (1) *William Powers* "eldest son", md. Mary dau. of Jno. Bauk of Chelmsford: (2)*Mary Powers*, md. Lieut. Joseph Wheeler: (3)*Isaac Powers*, md. Mary, dau. of John Poulter, and widow of Samuel Winship, Sen.: (4)*Thomas Bowers*, of Littleton, Mass., who by his second wife, Mary Harwood, had Phineas, the gr. grandfather of Hiram Powers, the sculptor. (5)*Daniel Powers* of Groton, Mass.: (6)*Increase Powers* d. without issue: (7)*Walter Powers*, of Littleton, Mass.: (8)*Jacob Powers* md. Edith Adams: (9)*Sarah Powers*, md. Moses Barron.

[1] *Concord Town Records*, quoted by C. H. Walcott in his work entitled "*Concord in the Colonial Period*," p. 53.

[2] Wyman, as before, Vol. I., p. 411.

[3] *Middx. Co. Land Records.*

[4] *History of Amherst, N. H.*, by Danniel F. Secomb, p. 41.

[5] *History of Concord* by Lemuel Shattuck, p. 384.

[6] *Vide Records of Middx. Co.*, printed elsewhere and *Land Records* at Willimantic, Ct.

[7] *Middx. Land Rec.* 13755.

[8] *Middx. Co. Probate Records* No. 14475.

[9] *The Powers Family* by A. H. Powers, Chicago, 1884, p. 9. & *Amer. Ancestry*, VI., p. 20.

[10] *The Powers Family*, quoted above, and *Middx. Co. Land Records*, Vols. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 and 20.

6. Abraham Shepard of Concord,[1] md. 1 Jan., 1672 Judith Philbrook dau. of John Sill,[2] died 22 Feb., 1715/6 and had: (1)*Sarah* b. 7 Dec., 1674, md. John Hartwell 7 June, 1697: (2)*Abraham* b. 25 Mch., 1677, md. Abigail Lamson 11 Feb., 1700/1 and died 7 May, 1710, three chd: (3)*Judith* b. 24 Jan., 1678/9, md. Samuel Pettibone of Simsbury, Ct. 8 Nov., 1699: (4)*Hepzebah* b. 9 May, 1681: (5)*Thanks* b. 30 Jan., 1683/4: (6)*Mary* b. 3 Jan., 1685/6: (7)*Hannah* b 13 Sept., 1689, md. 8 May, 1711 John Rugg of Concord.

7. Thanks Shepard, b. at Malden, 10 Feb., 1651,[3] md. Peter Dill of Nashoba[4] and had:[5] (1)*Peter Dill*: (2)*Thanks Dill*, md.[4] Philip Read: (3)*Mary Dill*, md. Josiah Barrett of Littleton: and (4)*David Dill* of Vollentown, Ct.

8. Jacob Shepard, b. at Malden, June, 1653, died without issue.

9.*** Walter Shepard[6] of Sudbury, Mass.

[1] *Middx. Court Rec.* I., p. 282, and *Land Rec.* Vol. I., p. 278.

[2] *Hawley Records*, by Elias S. Hawley, Buffalo, 1890, p. 480.

[3] *East Cambridge Record.*

[4] *The Powers Family*, quoted above, p. 8, and *Middx. Land Records.*

[5] *Middx. Probate Records*, 30, 347, also 4302, where Walter Powers of Nashoba, and Thomas Shepard of Charlestown give bonds for the administration on the estate of Peter Dill at Charlestown 3 May, 1693.

[6] *Middx. Court Records.* I., 246, *Land Records* XIII., 319–20.